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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Frank Austrup and Michael Giesing
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For : CANCER CELLS FROM BODY FLUIDS CONTAINING CELLS,
ISOLATION THEREOF AND AGENTS CONTAINING THE
SAME

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Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 10, 2003, by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO), please extend the period of time for response one (1) month, to expire on October 10, 2003. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.